

GOD DESIRES US NOT TO BE BULLIED BUT BLESSED

A bully is a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker. According to *www.dictionary.com*, bullying is the use of superior strength or influence to intimidate someone, mostly to force him or her to do what one wants. In a case where someone is being bullied, the person feels inferior or of less value to the person they are being bullied by. Therefore, this causes an environment of fear in hostility between the two persons and the inferior person is taken advantage of. Usually youths are bullied in school or over the internet, known as cyber bullying.

Jakyra McLeod says:



There are numerous amounts of deaths amongst teens due to bullying. Bullying is wrong and should not be the cause of one's death. Everyone is special in God's sight and therefore should not be taken advantage of. God made everyone different and specially designed everyone, which is the reason why no one has to be the victim of bullying.

Psalms 139:14 states, *"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well."* This scripture gives confirmation that everyone is wonderful and special to God. As human beings when God made us, He made us in His image. Genesis 1:27 states, "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." Because we were made in Gods image, we do not have to be the victim of bullying. One has to know that they are special because they are the child of the King.

Kayla McLeod says:



All believers and especially youths should know that bullying is not of Christ. All around the world many teens and even adults are being bullied. According to statistics from Family First Aid, about 30 percent of teenagers in the U.S. have been involved in bullying, either as a bully or as a victim of teenage bullying. Teenage bullying is a very real problem in schools. In addition, bullying behavior is not always physical. There are many different types of bullying, including verbal and emotional bullying. These types of bullying can still have a large impact on a student. Children who bully others may use acts that hurt just as much, but are harder to detect. This is called indirect bullying. Examples of indirect bullying are leaving others out on purpose, spreading rumors to destroy another's reputation or getting others to dislike another person. This is covert bullying or "behind your face" behaviors.

God's word helps us to conquer whatever type of bullying we may face. One important scripture to keep in mind is found in Matthew 22:39, where it states, "*you should love your neighbor as you love yourself.*" The Word of God clearly teaches us to love one another. This means that we should show gentleness and kindness to all men and not display the negativity of bullying. We are to follow Christ's example of loving one another as ourselves and when we do this, we leave no room for Satan's tactics of being bullied or bullying someone else.

Catrina Wiltshire Says:



Being bullied can cause us as youths to have low self-esteem and look down upon ourselves. A bully repeatedly harasses and tortures a person. It can happen both mentally and physically because of your race, gender, creed, religion, beliefs, looks and etc. Some youths go to the extreme of hurting themselves and in a number of cases killing themselves. As children of God hurting and killing ourselves should not be an option since we have Christ in our lives. Moreover, as a Christian you should know that killing yourself to escape the torture of bullying will lead to the greatest torture which is hell for eternity.

Being bullied can make you feel inferior or of lesser value than the bully. We should never feel inferior to a person because of who we are and what we look like. We ought to be peculiar because we belong to Christ. Therefore, the first thing we should do is recognize who we are in Christ and exude that confidence. In Romans 8:37 it says *"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."* This scripture lets us know that in Jesus we are strong and not inferior. As a result, once we overcome and take control over the situation, we can become superior. When you have the attitude of knowing that you are of high value and strong in Jesus Christ you can no longer be bullied because your confidence is courage and the person trying to bully you will back off seeing that he can no longer take advantage of you.

You also have to recognize that the bully is nothing but Satan trying to steal your peace and joy. So, another way to handle this problem is to pray to God about it and rebuke the enemy as well. When you pray to God, He can hear you and will answer your prayers, which is proven in Psalms 34:4 *"I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears."*

So my brothers and sisters, always remember, the Bible says to “*resist the enemy and he shall flee from you.*” This means that you can look that bully in the eye and say “Listen Satan I am a child of God and I have authority over you, you will not steal my peace, joy, or intimidate me.” The bully may look at you crazy and seem confused but the demon inside of him will certainly recognize who you are and immediately leave. We can take control over the situation because not only can we defeat bullying, but we are greater than that in Jesus Christ!

